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WORK OF CONGRESS

Senate Still Considering the Elections Bill

Democratic Arguments on the Subject.

New Representative From California. Important Committee Reports. Grant's Remains.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—The bill introduced last session to establish a public farm in each county within the limits of the Republic was reported back adversely in the Senate today.

Mr. Plumb introduced a bill to reduce the amount of United States bonds required of national banks, and to provide for the free coinage of silver. Referred. He also offered an amendment in the same terms to the bill now on the calendar.

Mr. McPherson offered a resolution, which was agreed to, calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for a certified copy of the accounts of John I. Davenport, Chief Supervisor of Elections for the Southern District of New York for the elections of 1884, 1886 and 1888.

A resolution by Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, calling on the Attorney-General for a statement of the moneys paid or called for by the supervisor of the First and Second Congressional Districts of Arkansas, in connection with the late election, was agreed to, after a statement by Mr. Jones that he had seen a newspaper report to the effect that the supervisor presented an account for \$6000.

The Elections bill was then taken up and Mr. Berry spoke in opposition. As an illustration of the bad effects of such a law, he referred to the recent appointment by United States Circuit Judge Williams, in Arkansas, of John McClure as Chief Supervisor of Elections. Judge Williams, he said, had lost the confidence of a large portion of the people of Arkansas on account of his imposing on them the very worst man in all Arkansas to exercise the high functions of that office. The same thing might occur in all other states, the supervisors holding their office for life. If the Circuit Court judges were Democrats the bill would not be advocated by the other side of the chamber. It was therefore a partisan measure. Mr. Berry savagely scored Supervisor McClure and entered an earnest protest against the bill as designed to legalize fraud.

Mr. Daniels spoke briefly, after which Mr. George obtained the floor.

Mr. Aldrich, from the Finance Committee, reported a House bill to authorize the payment of a rebate in certain cases (to correct the enrollment of the tariff bill), and asked unanimous consent to have it considered, but Mr. Plumb objected and the bill went on the calendar.

The Senate then adjourned.

The House.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—In the House today Mr. Morrow, of California, presented the credentials of Thomas Geary, from the First Congressional District of California, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. De Haven. Mr. Geary took the oath of office.

The Committee on Appropriations reported a bill to amend an act to provide for the consideration of a resolution for the removal of the remains of General Grant to Arlington. The resolution was defeated, yeas 32, nays 153.

The House Committee on Military Affairs has completed the consideration of the Army Appropriation bill for the next fiscal year. It appropriates \$6,420,300, being \$433,558 more than the appropriation for the current year. The most important difference is the increase in the appropriation for army transportation of \$250,000.

Two bills, imposing a tax upon compound land, will be reported without recommendation, by Senator Paddock, from the Committee on Agriculture. One is the bill that passed the House last session; the other is a bill introduced last session by Daves. Both provide for an importation tax and a regulation of the manufacture of compound land.

The House then proceeded to the disposition of the public buildings measures. Among a number of the bills passed were: Stockton, Cal., \$75,000, and Portland, Or., \$100,000.

The House then adjourned.

NEW APPOINTMENT.

A Bill Introduced in the House to Effect That End.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—Mr. Durnell, chairman of the House Committee on the Eleventh Census, introduced today a bill making reapportionments of Congressmen. The bill provides that after March 3 the next House shall consist of 356 members.

The following States have increased representation, as follows: Alabama 1, Arkansas 2, California 1, Colorado 1, Georgia 1, Illinois 2, Kansas 1, Massachusetts 1, Michigan 1, Minnesota 2, Missouri 1, Nebraska 3, New Jersey 1, Oregon 1, Pennsylvania 2, Tennessee 2, Texas 2, Washington 1, Wisconsin 1.

The bill is very like the one recently introduced by Mr. Frank, of Missouri. The Durnell bill is understood to have been agreed to by the Republican members of the Census Committee. Among other features similar to the Frank bill there is a provision that members shall be elected by districts composed of contiguous territory and containing equal numbers of inhabitants.

SENATORIAL CONFIRMATIONS.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—Today's confirmations are: F. W. Harrison, special examiner of drugs and medicines and chemicals at San Francisco; register of the land office at Vancouver, Wash.; J. D. Hoeghanan; receiver of public moneys at Hailey, Idaho; Thomas A. Starr; Indian agents, C. C. Warner, Nevada Agency, Nevada; E. T. Lamson,

GRANDE RONDE AGENCY, OREGON; D. W. MATTHEWS, Klamath Agency, Oregon; O. V. THORNTON, Puyallup Agency, Washington.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Work of the National Organization in Session at Detroit.

DETROIT, December 9.—The Federation of Labor reassembled this morning and announced that a national association of retail clerks, waiters and bar tender unions had been organized.

Among the resolutions referred to committees was one to take the telegraphs out of the hands of monopolists and place them in the hands of the Government. This resolution was applied, as was also one for a world's labor congress in 1893, and a resolution looking to the opposition to police aggression, especially to the armed bands known as coal police. Another was that the Federation ask for woman's suffrage.

The report of the special committee on the admission of Santo, representing the New York Central labor faction, was called for. The secretary arose and reported: "We have concluded that we cannot admit any political party." In short, the committee reported unfavorably on the general ground that Santo came from an organization without a charter from the Federation.

PARNELL IN IRELAND

TO ADDRESS THE NATIONALISTS IN THE SOUTHERN COUNTIES.

He Will Be the Guest of the Lord Mayor in Dublin—Gill and O'Brien Going to France.

LONDON, December 9.—Parnell started for Dublin tonight. A large crowd of residents of this city assembled at the railway station and cheered Parnell wildly. He spoke briefly, expressing gratitude at the demonstration, which, he said, would help in the fight he had undertaken. They would have no cause to regret that they stood by him, and together they would win for Ireland what God had determined she should get.

Parnell will be the guest of the Lord Mayor of Dublin, where there will be a large procession on his arrival, and he will address the people. He has been invited to visit Mitchellstown and is assured of an audience of 20,000 there.

A number of the McCarthy faction were on the same train.

At a meeting of the anti-Parnell section today the manifesto was discussed, but nothing definite decided on. A telegram was received from the delegates in America. They are cooperating by methods they believe best to secure Parnell's withdrawal and the reunion of the party.

TO CONFER IN HAVRE.

NEW YORK, December 9.—The envoys have decided to send Gill with O'Brien to Havre on Saturday. They will consult with Parnell and the anti-Parnellites.

OIL WORKS BURNING.

A Pierce Fire Raging in the San Francisco Factories.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 10.—A general alarm was sounded about 1:30 this (Wednesday) morning for a fire in the oil factories near the railroad buildings at the corner of Fourth and Townsend streets.

At 1:45 the fire is burning fiercely and cleaning out the entire inside of the oil works.

AROUND THE BAD LANDS

INDIAN BANDS DESTROYING PROPERTY AND CAPTURING STOCK.

A Party of Whites Starts Out on a Sioux Roundup—General Carr and the Sixth Cavalry at Rapid City.

OMAHA, December 9.—A special from Rapid City, S. D., says that a band of Indians has been raiding ranches, killing and running off stock and stealing household goods. Today twenty armed men left Rapid City for the Indian camp. They will be joined by ranchmen and, if they are not intercepted by troops, will attack the Indians.

INDIANS PREPARING FOR WAR.

GUTHRIE, December 9.—H. D. McKee, a courier from Frisco, states there are about 4000 Indians in different sections west of his place engaged in the ghost dances and are trading off ponies, blankets and trinkets for guns and ammunition. Arrangements are being made to give the border towns every assistance possible.

FARTHER INTO THE BAD LANDS.

OMAHA, December 9.—The Bee's Pine Ridge special says: A scout, who came in tonight, reported that no sooner had the hostile chiefs returned home from the council than they proceeded to move camp several miles deeper into the Bad Lands, instead of counseling to move therefrom, as advised by General Brooke.

SIXTH CAVALRY ON HAND.

RAPID CITY, S. D., December 9.—General Carr, with ten companies of the Sixth Cavalry, arrived here this morning from Fort Wingate, N. M.

Small bands of Indians from the Bad Lands have been running off stock and destroying ranches of the settlers on Battle creek.

AMONG THE SOUTHERN STATES.

OURAY INDIAN AGENCY, Green River, Utah, December 9.—The Southern Utes are greatly excited over news from Dakota regarding the coming of the Shinob (Christ) and have commenced dancing and painting themselves.

KILLED FOUR INDIANS.

CUSTER, December 9.—M. Warren, a ranchman, with four of his men, attacked a raiding party of Indians and killed four of their number.

CAPITOL GLEANINGS

Report of the Nicaragua Canal Directory.

Montana Gets the House Postmastership.

Utah Industrial Christian Home. Mexican Lottery Circulars—The Charleston's Armament.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—The annual report of the Maritime Canal Company, of Nicaragua, covering the year ended December, 1890, shows that during that time work has been prosecuted with energy and that great progress has been made. Final plans and detailed surveys have been completed and verified. The San Juanella, the San Francisco and other navigable streams have been cleared of snags and other obstructions, and several miles of the route of the canal have been grubbed and made ready for dredging. About 100,000 cubic yards of the canal are already excavated and several miles of an aqueduct, to supply fresh mountain water to the company's headquarters, have been completed. Ten miles of railroad, now under construction from the Atlantic port to the divide, are practically completed, and very satisfactory progress made on a breakwater to protect the Atlantic harbor from shifting sands.

During the year the company purchased a dredging plant at Panama and the greater part of it has been transferred to Graytown. There was great improvement in the hospital service during the year.

The very important work of dredging the harbor of San Juan del Norte has been very intelligently prosecuted. The general health has been very good and no deaths. Since the organization of the company 10,145 shares of capital stock have been subscribed for, aggregating \$1,114,000, of which \$1,104,050 have been paid in. Since organization, the company has expended for work and material \$772,393 in cash and \$2,000,000 of full paid capital stock, and is obligated for \$4,238,000 of its first mortgage bonds. The liabilities of the company consist of amounts still due under the concessions granted it and the \$4,238,000 bonds above mentioned and cash liabilities not exceeding \$50,000.

A MORMON REFUGE.

Report of the Operation of the Utah Industrial Christian Home.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—The annual report of the Board of Control of the Utah Commission of Registration and Elections of the Industrial Christian Home Association of Utah says the fewness of the inmates of the house, in their opinion, is due to the restraining influence of the Mormon Church and female, which interprets a position in the institution as evidence of degraded pauperism.

The commission is also of the opinion that if Congress would make an appropriation to enable them to purchase the necessary fixtures and appliances, such as sewing machines, etc., and employ competent teachers, that an industrial department could be opened, in which girls could be taught self-supporting vocations. The report recommends that some power be given the commission to pay their transportation expenses from different parts of the Territory to the Home, by which means they would secure a larger number of inmates.

Regarding the success of the undertaking, the report states that the completion of the Home building is so recent that the association has not yet had a fair opportunity to demonstrate its success.

THE HOUSE POSTMASTERSHIP.

A Man From Montana Selected to Take the Place of Wheat.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—The Republican members of the House held a short caucus after adjournment today, to select a postmaster to succeed Mr. Wheat. Mr. Carter, of Montana, secured 73 votes for his candidature, James W. Hathaway, of Montana, against 39 for the other four candidates, Hosmer, of Massachusetts, at present assistant postmaster, Reed, of Minnesota, and Barnes and Ralps, of Illinois.

Hathaway is a native of Ohio. He enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifth Ohio and was permanently disabled at the battle of Perryville, Kentucky. He removed to Montana at the close of the war, has held several Federal and county offices and at present is secretary of the Republican State Committee.

LOTTERY CIRCULARS.

Further Arrangements for Shutting Off Such Matter From the Mails.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—It is stated at the Postoffice Department that the mails sent from Mexico into the United States recently, have been burdened with the circulars of Mexican lotteries, enclosed in sealed envelopes, the corners of which were clipped, and postage paid at the rate of 1 cent, which is permissible under the Mexican postal law and under the laws of the United States. The enclosure of such circulars in sealed envelopes would require them to be held for postage and refuse them admission to the mails as printed matter.

The Postmaster-General has been in correspondence with the Director-General of Posts of Mexico on this subject and it has been agreed that the lottery circulars referred to shall no longer be carried in mails or delivered to addressees in this country.

NEW GUNS FOR THE CHARLESTON.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—The Navy Department has issued orders for the shipment from the Washington gun factory to the Mare Island navy yard of two eight-inch guns for the Charleston. These guns were not finished at the time the Charleston was put in commission and four six-inch guns were substituted for

them temporarily. These six-inch guns will now be transferred to the San Francisco to complete her battery.

Arms for the Northwest.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—The President has approved the joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to issue 10,000 stands of arms to North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana and Nebraska.

To Avoid Obstruction.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—The Republican caucus committee to frame a closure of debate rule for the Senate today discussed various resolutions. It is said the report will be ready in a few days.

Meeting of the Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—The Cabinet met today. It is understood that the financial situation was the principal question considered.

Gigantic Land Proposition.

KANSAS CITY, December 9.—John A. Blair, secretary of the Cherokee Strip Live Stock Association, said today the association is about to offer Chief Mays \$200,000 for the Strip. If accepted \$1,000,000 cash will be paid down and the remainder in a short time, and the association would go to England to bond the land.

THE FINANCIAL WORLD

Many Failures Reported for the Day.

Efforts to Relieve the Money Stringency.

Gold Being Imported to Relieve the Market—Moneyed Firms Leaving the Clearing House.

BOSTON, Mass., December 9.—Whittier, Burdett & Young, wholesale clothiers, have assigned, with liabilities of \$700,000.

Mr. Whittier says the failure will not affect the clothing trade. It was caused partly by the failure of Potter, Lovell & Co., and of Garner, Chase & Co., and by the tight money market. He could not give a statement. The firm is rated by Bradstreet at \$750,000. One gentleman, believed to be well informed, says he thinks the liabilities will be over \$1,000,000. The firm has been in business for thirty years.

BAD FAILURE OF A SALT FIRM.

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LONDON, December 9.—Over £3,000,000 in gold will start this week from London to New York. This will tend strongly to relieve the money stringency in this country.

Withdrawals of specie from the Bank of England for shipment to New York, consist of American gold, which was sold by the bank. A prospect of further amounts being sent to New York has had the effect of hardening the rate of discount.

The Times says that another £1,000,000 of gold will soon be sent to New York. It repeats that Paris and Berlin ought to have recognized their responsibility in this matter. It urges the Berlin bankers to send gold to America.

LEAVING THE CLEARING HOUSE.

Trust Companies and Wells, Fargo & Co. Drawing Away.

NEW YORK, December 9.—The first step has been apparently taken looking to a retirement of the trust companies from the Bank Clearing House.

The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company has issued a circular announcing that the company has determined to discontinue having its checks passed through the New York Clearing House from January 1. President Rolston said: "We have no need of a clearing house; we don't do a banking business. We were never members of the clearing house; now we stop. That is all there is to it."

Wells, Fargo & Co. also announce that they discontinue making clearances through the banks on December 31.

Stepping Into the Breach.

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THE WORLD'S FAIR.

All Prepared for the Issuance of the President's Proclamation.

CHICAGO, December 9.—Mayor Creiger has signed the ordinance providing for the issue of \$5,000,000 in bonds in aid of the World's Fair, and it will, with other necessary documents, be placed in the hands of the President to-morrow.

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RAILROAD RUMBLINGS

Good Financial Statement of the Santa Fe.

New General Manager for the Union Pacific.

The Goulds Elected Into the Richmond Terminal Directory—Canadian Pacific Dividend.

BOSTON, December 9.—The annual report of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company for the year ending June 30, 1890, is made to include the six months of January to June, 1889, intervening between the close of the former fiscal year.

The report gives in detail the record of the amalgamations during the year, and says the result to the company has proven satisfactory in every respect, and the completion of the plans now in progress, looking to the same end, will demonstrate the wisdom of the policy.

The large expenditures are explained on the ground of bringing up the road beds to the proper standard. Since August, 1889, traffic on all lines has been so heavy that it has been found necessary to make provision for a large amount of additional equipment, etc.

Referring to statistics illustrating the sources of revenue during the fiscal year, satisfactory returns are shown, notably from freight traffic, from which the best results are obtained, the figures showing an increase over the previous twelve months of \$3,818,178. The decrease of the revenue from the passenger traffic was \$689,960 and from the express \$113,548. This arose wholly from the reaction in the Southern California boom which was felt most during the year. The California division alone showing \$272,606, and the Atlantic and Pacific road \$232,395 less of passenger earnings, and \$6500 and \$30,622, respectively, less of express earnings than in the previous twelve months. A different result should be had during the current fiscal year, as the speculative features incident to the settlement of a new country have disappeared.

The total operating mileage is 7,110. The gross earnings were \$31,004,367, an increase of \$3,818,178; operating expenses, \$20,929,398, an increase of \$1,119,908; net earnings, \$10,083,971, an increase of \$3,311,580.

The statement of the St. Louis & San Francisco road shows the total of earnings to be \$6,394,068, an increase of \$886,892; operating expenses, \$3,479,381, an increase of \$132,324; net earnings, \$2,914,687, an increase of \$454,668.

UNION PACIFIC FINANCES.

Director Ames Speaks of the Liquidation of the Road's Debt.

BOSTON, December 9.—Director Ames, of the Union Pacific, in an interview today, said:

"I believe the October earnings are the worst the Union Pacific will show for many months. November should show an improvement, and December will continue to show improvement. The trustees have cancelled this year \$7,367,000 of bonds, reducing